

MINUTES
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 2013 – 4:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 1

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Genevieve Cerf, Mark Oefinger, Bob Quevreaux, Bill Robarge, Rita Schmidt, Gary Schneider, Zell Steever, John Sutherland, Bob Yust

Excused: Syma Ebbin, Len Mediavilla, Michael Murphy,

Staff: Norris, John Piacenza, Rob Reynolds (CONSERVE)

Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of meeting of October 21, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 21, 2013 as amended.

Motion made by Schneider, seconded by Sutherland. Motion passed 8-0-1, 1 abstention (Cerf).

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff received an email from Luke Singh tendering his resignation. Staff received an email from Robert Yust proposing a tour of energy initiatives at the SUBASE. The committee concurred to meet at 4:00 p.m. on January 13, 2014 at the SUBASE. Yust will send an email.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Energy Action Plan for Groton

The Committee discussed EECBG and Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance as part of the application Town's energy efficiency and conservation strategy. Discussion ensued on DOE's desire to maximize use of EECBG dollars for projects.

Steever provided a draft outline for an energy efficiency and conservation strategy which was discussed. He stated that the Committee should put together goals and objectives based on state and federal goals.

A discussion was held regarding the proposal to improve natural gas distribution to Town facilities.

Solar panels, both residential and commercial, were discussed. Staff will work on an RFP for panels at the closed landfill site.

Staff passed out energy use information provided by the Finance Department.

John Piacenza introduced Rob Reynolds from CONSERVE. Lighting work done on buildings serviced by CL&P was discussed. The apparent ROI for these projects will be 2.4 years with an estimated 6.67% KWH reduction. John is working with the Town Manager on a proposal to install more efficient lighting in the buildings serviced by Groton Utilities, whose increase rebate has been extended to February 28, 2014.

The Director of DPW stated that he is working on a proposal for street lighting.

V. REPORT OF STAFF

John Piacenza will provide fuel information.

The December meeting will be held on December 16th rather than December 9th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Prepared by Rick Norris
Program/Project Manager